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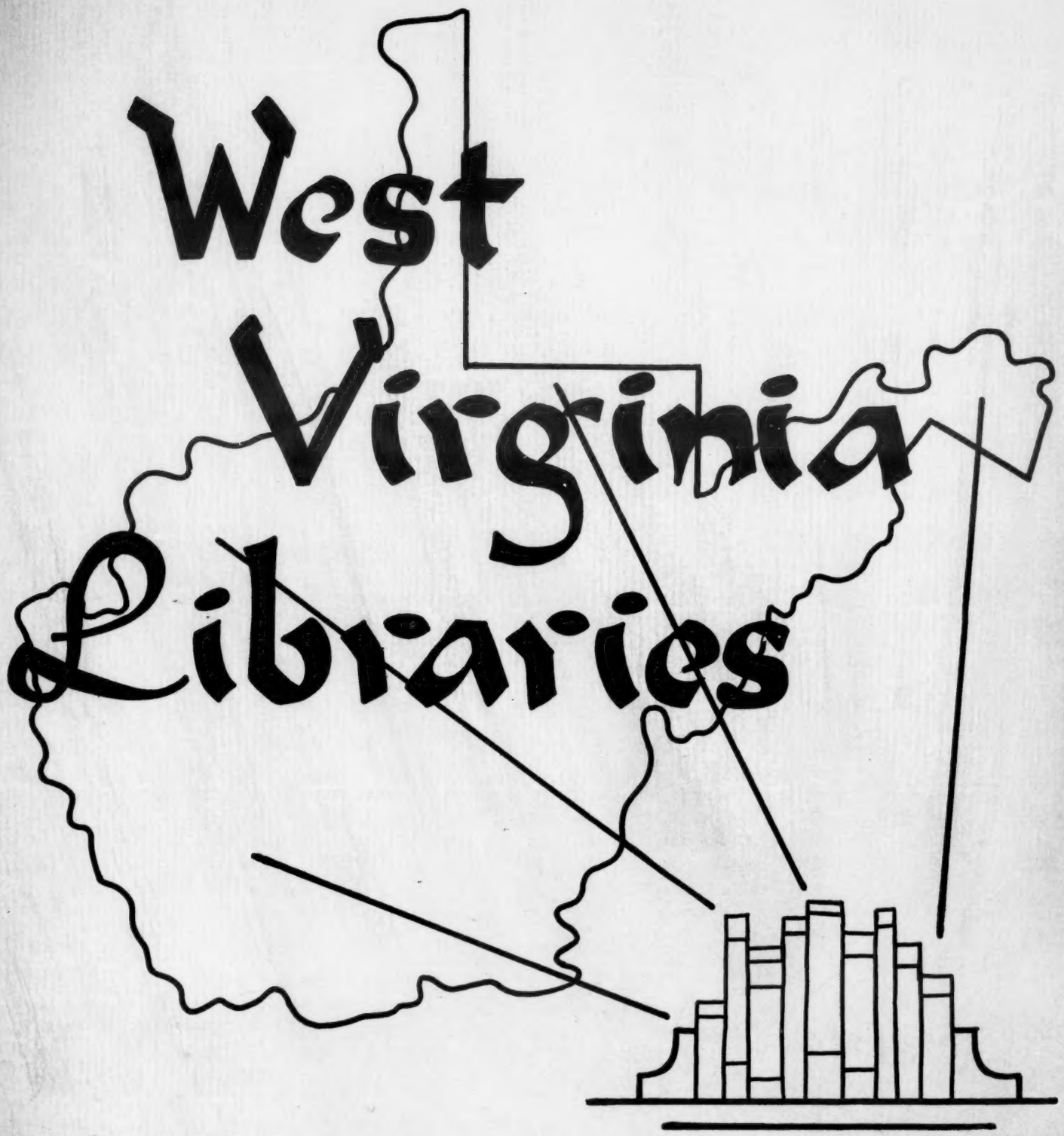

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N O T I C E

The Association's growing membership and financial strengths, and the Association's increasing activity indicate the need for 1) the definition of our major library problems, 2) a determination of the most serious of these problems, and 3) the development of short, medium, and long range plans to solve these problems. For this purpose a WVLA planning retreat is scheduled for the Cedar Lakes Conference Center, Ripley, on May 4 & 5. The cost per person will be about $5.00, including meals and lodging. Any member of the Association is welcome to help in this planning of future areas of our activity and in suggesting programs to solve our problems. Please write to Robert McClarren, Huntington Public Library, 900-5th Avenue, Huntington, West Virginia, if you would like more information or would like to attend the retreat.

CAPITOL COMMENTS

by

WVLA Legislative Committee

State Legislative headlines:

Eng. SB99 (Public Library Law) became law March 1, 1961

West Virginia Library Commission's Budget Request Hearings

February 7, 1961

CHRONOLOGY OF SB99

August 30, 1960	Subcommittee of WVLA Legislative Committee discussed and drew up preliminary drafts.
Sept. - Oct. 1960	Mr. McClarren, then chairman of the WVLA Legislative Committee drafted a bill (later SB99). Arch Riley revised and advised.
January 5, 1961	Approved final draft.
January 27, 1961	Introduced in the Senate by Arch Riley and Paul Kaufman.
January 27, 1961	Referred to Senate Public Library Committee.
January 28, 1961	WVLA Committee conferred with Mr. Kaufman.
January 31, 1961	Recommended for passage by Senate Committee.
February 3, 1961	Amended on second reading.
February 5, 1961	WVLA President and Commission members conferred with Mr. Singleton, Speaker of the House, and Laban White, Chairman of the House Judiciary Committee, so that bill would be referred to the House Judiciary Committee when it reached the floor of the House.
February 6, 1961	Passed Senate (Eng. SB99).
February 8, 1961	Committee conferred with Clerk of the House Judiciary Committee.
February 17, 1961	Recommended for passage by House Judiciary.
February 20, 1961	Second reading.
February 21, 1961	Passed House

March 1, 1961 Bill signed by the Governor.

As you know from following the chronology of SB99, many hours of hard work have gone into the enactment of this successful legislation.

At this time, as chairman of the Legislative Committee, I would like to commend our WVLA President, Mr. Robert R. McClarren, for his untiring efforts in bringing this legislation to the attention of the members of the legislature. Many other members of the Association are to be commended for their part in this program. Most important of all, please thank all your Delegates and Senators and especially Senator Riley and Senator Kaufman for introducing the bill.

Hearings: February 7

Miss Parks and Mr. McClarren made statements before the House and Senate Finance Committees on February 7 in behalf of the Commission's Budget Request. Their statements were brief and to the point and instigated several pertinent questions from the members of the Finance Committees. Mrs. John Jones of the Commission, and Mrs. Margaret Bobbitt, chairman of the WVLA Legislative Committee, accompanied them.

Final Budget:

On March 11th the legislature approved the final budget document. The Library Commission was given a budget of $122,000, a far cry from the requested $170,984; but nevertheless, a forward step as the Commission's budget has been $99,000 for four years! The fact that the House Finance Committee appointed a subcommittee to study the Commission's budget and that the Senate Finance Com-

mittee had recommended $27,000 additional for the book item of the budget shows that library service is entering the thinking and planning of our legislators.

Librarians throughout the State have the excellent planning and the past accomplishments of the Library Commission to thank for this attention given to library service.

More editorials such as the one printed below, would certainly have great influence on the legislatures of the future.

The following editorial written by
Robert McClarren, President of WVLA,
appeared in the Huntington Advertiser

Like Kilroy, Arnold Toynbee has been here, although unfortunately his legacy is appreciated by a far different and more restricted audience. Dr. Toynbee, a pre-eminent English historian, particularly is concerned with the future of Western civilization, of which we'd agree that American democracy is that civilization's most advanced form. Thus his pronouncements are of especial significance to us.

A civilization, says this historian, grows and progresses only as long as it meets its challenges. Even a cursory, though critical, look reveals innumerable unmet challenges. We likely are in for more; we are told that in the next decade or so we'll see more change than the world has seen in all recorded history to date!

To meet these challenges, we must have ideas.

Fortunately, our society, heeding Jefferson's dictum,

"The Nation which expects
to be ignorant and free
Expects that which never
was and never will be"

has developed and given some emphasis to education institutions, one form of which is the library: special, college and university, school and public.

Unfortunately, of these educational institutions the value of libraries is the most difficult to appraise. The libraries' worth rarely is self-evident; after all, how much is an idea worth?

Since most libraries are tax-supported agencies, and traditionally tax-supported agencies must justify their existence, libraries continually promote their existence under a frequently unappreciated handicap. Were it not for the faith of the libraries' supporters, libraries would not have developed as far as they have.

Recently, probably in the van of the general reappreciation of educational values, interest in libraries has increased, and libraries are using the opportunity to strengthen their vital but as yet not generally appreciated educational institutions. This year, the libraries of West Virginia, perhaps encouraged by the inclusion, for the first time, of library planks in both the national and state platforms of both political parties are supporting and are concerned with more legislation than in previous years.

An increase in the general revenue fund, which will permit the support of the range of normal state library services which West Virginia should have had decades ago.

A supplementary appropriation of $70,984 to restore the West Virginia Library Commission's budget for 1961-62 to the requested $170,984. This amount, less than 10 cents per person, would permit significant progress in reducing the the number of West Virginians without any public library service (42 per cent).

Amendment of the public library law to clarify sections of the present law and to facilitate the administration and operation of public libraries.

Changes in the local tax structure so that more funds are available for libraries at the local level.

Opposition to legislation threatening the freedom of the press and the right of citizens in a democracy to choose for themselves the ideas--social, economic, political, moral--which they wish.

Careful consideration of any constitutional revision which would assign the West Virginia Library Commission to an incompatible and unrelated department or otherwise deprive the commission of the lay support which it now has through the membership of the commission.

Support of action to establish school library supervisor as a part of the Department of Education.

Many librarians, increasingly aware of the value of ideas whose consumption their institution facilitates, and realizing the limitations of faith in the contemporary world, are becoming wiser and more active in the matters of legislation. They realize, perhaps better than any other group, that ignorance is a luxury our society cannot afford.

NEWS FROM THE FIELD

Public Library News

BECKLEY

Mrs. Mary Louise Graham is acting regional librarian for the Raleigh-Fayette Regional Library, while Mrs. C. P. Anderson is attending library school at the University of North Carolina.

BERKELEY SPRINGS

The Morgan County Library has received 28 new books about health, especially blood pressure and the heart, from the Baker & Taylor Company of Hillside, New Jersey. This Library is located on the 2nd floor of a small building built over one of the springs in the State-owned "Berkeley Springs Sanitarium." Berkeley Springs is said to have been the first health and pleasure resort in the colonies. Early patrons included George Washington and Lord Fairfax.

FAIRMONT

Miss Jane Yost, a member of the Marion County Library Board, has been serving as acting librarian since the death of Mrs. W. H. Conaway last November. January circulation there totaled 5,624. The bookmobile operated 14 days and circulated 1,589 books.

GASSAWAY

The Gassaway Woman's Club sponsor of this library, has announced that the library will be open from 7:00 until 8:00 p.m. Thursday evenings during the months of March & April, in addition to the afternoon hours of 2:00 until 4:30 p.m.

HUNTINGTON

A new Beverly Hills branch of the Huntington Public Library will soon be established. Robert McClarren, librarian, has announced that a store building will be leased in the area of Huntington. It will house the new branch and also serve as a bookmobile storage center. The Huntington Friends of the Library and the Railroad Community Service Committee will sponsor a Book Fair in the Appalachian Power Company auditorium during National Library Week.

HURRICANE

A working and storage headquarters for the Western Counties Regional Library has been established here. Putnam County is contracting with Cabell County for bookmobile service.

MARTINSBURG

The librarian, Mrs. Elsa Williams, announces that the library has all of the Ourstanding Books of 1960, and that a list of the titles is available at the library.

MORGANTOWN

The Friends of the Li-

brary organization is coordinating all efforts of groups and individuals, for a proposed bond issue for a new public library building. The tentative plans call for a building costing about $200,000. The chairman of the teenage committee of the Friends of the Library, Miss Sharon Vorbach, says: "Teenagers got the swimming pool and we feel it is up to us to get a library if the teenagers as a whole want it." Dr. Earl Core, professor of biology at the University, and a former mayor of Morgantown, is chairman of the "Library Action Committee" of local organizations.

MOUNDSVILLE

Construction of the new City-County Public Library building began February 13, following a ground-breaking ceremony February 7. When the building is completed, the book collections for the two libraries will be combined and moved into the new library. Miss Martha Myers, librarian, reports that the County bookmobile circulated 6,633 books in 14 days in February--and that the staff could not have done it without Gaylord charging machines used on the bookmobile.

PARKERSBURG

The Wood County Friends of the Library held an organizational meeting Feb. 9. By-laws and a constitution were adopted, and a board of directors elected. The purpose of the new Friends group is "to aid in the planning, promotion, support and development of library service in the area of service of the Carnegie Library." Mrs. Lois Hiebel, librarian, is an ex officio member of the Friends board.

ST. MARYS

The St. Marys Woman's Club, sponsor of the Pleasants County Library for 25 years, is seeking the help of an advisory group of county residents. The library committee feels it must have more funds, better housing, and more hours of service.

WEIRTON

The Mary H. Weir Library has ordered additional library equipment costing $3,548. The equipment, which includes five book stacks, two tables and eight chairs, was purchased mainly with the remainder of funds in the Weir Foundation. Librarian William Myers stated that the new shelves were necessary for the increased number of books, and the increased reference work done at the library requires the additional tables and chairs. January's circulation total was 7,425 books and magazines.

WESTON

The Louis Bennett Memorial Library is benefiting from the contract which its Board has made with the Harrison-Upshur Regional Library. The Weston library has received many new books, and bookmobile service is being given throughout Lewis County.

WHEELING

Prospective college students can browse through the Ohio County Public Library's collection of 180 college catalogs. All West Virginia colleges and universities are included, plus most those in Ohio, in Pennsylvania, and a

sampling of schools throughout the nation.

WHITE SULPHUR

The Library and Community House will be completely repainted on the interior, this month. The Woman's Club has contributed $100 toward the project, and several smaller contributions are also being made. The library will be two tone aqua-blue, with ivory woodwork; the Red Cross room eggshell white with maroon drapes; the Scout room blue; the lounge and kitchen pale green.

College Library News

Personnel Changes

MISS ORA PETERS will retire as librarian and professor of library science effective 1 July 1961. Miss Peters who has served in this capacity for forty-one years, holds the B.S., B.S.L.S. and M.A. degrees. For twenty-seven years she was sponsor of the Delta Sigma Epsilon-Delta Zeta Sorority and she is presently the treasurer of Zeta Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma Society. She is also a member of Alpha Beta Alpha, a library honorary fraternity. In 1953 she was awarded life membership by the Quota Club of Princeton in appreciation of her service and loyalty to the club and to the community. Our sincere best wishes go to Miss Peters for a long and enjoyable retirement. We all hope that she will continue to be active in her many hobbies.

ARTHUR CONOVER FLANDREAU, JR. has been named to succeed Miss Peters as head librarian at Concord College effective 1 July. Mr. Flandreau is a graduate of Dickinson College (Pennsylvania) and he holds a M.A. degree from the University of Chicago. As chairman of the Department of Library Science, Mr. Flandreau will have academic rank of associate professor.

The librarian at the Ashland Public Library, HERBERT BUSHELMAN, has been appointed part-time instructor in library science at Marshall University.

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Congratulations go to:

MRS. VIVIAN R. BOUGHTER, Librarian at West Liberty State College, for her recent trip around the world. This journey took her to many interesting places, including libraries.

MR. JOHN E. SCOTT, Librarian at West Virginia State College, for his interesting and informative study of library hours of institutions of higher education in West Virginia.

MR. CHARLES D. PATTERSON, Librarian at Glenville State College, for his article about college freshmen in the January West Virginia School Journal.

Dates to Remember

The College Section will have a spring meeting at Glenville State College, Glenville, West Virginia on Satur-

day, March 25. The meeting will begin at 1:00 p.m. and will be held in the lounge of Louis Bennett Hall.

The 24th annual meeting of the West Virginia Association of Higher Education will be held on the campus of Potomac State College, Keyser, West Virginia on April 6-7. Ground was broken in August, 1960 for a $325,000 library at Potomac State. Completion was scheduled for April 30, 1961.

The West Virginia Library Association will hold its annual conference this year at the Daniel Boone Hotel in Charleston. The dates are October 13-14. Plan now to attend.

What are you doing?

The Association of College and Research Libraries reminds us that there are two major jobs to do this year which will require the best efforts of each of us. These are:

1. To build widespread public support for desperately needed financial aid to the college libraries of all sizes and types;

2. To plan and carry out a vigorous program to implement the college library standards.

Have you had a faculty meeting at your college that has been devoted to the Standards? What are you doing?

The College Section has sponsored an ad that will appear in the March, April and May issues of the West Virginia School Journal. The matter of recruitment is still with us.

NOW AVAILABLE

AUTHOR AND SUBJECT INDEX TO THE WEST VIRGINIA EDUCATIONAL BULLETIN Vols. 21-26, 1953 1958

Compiled by Floyd W. Miller
Chief Reference Librarian, W V U

A continuation of the author-subject index to the first 20 volumes of the Bulletin compiled by Brenni & Munn in 1956. The form of the original index has been followed in order to insure facility of use. The Bulletin, issued from 1934-1958, forms the primary source for material about the development of the public schools in West Virginia.

Price: 50 cents postpaid 22p Mimeographed

Orders should be sent to the West Virginia University Library

SCHOOL LIBRARIANS' WORKSHOP SCHEDULED

A Workshop for School Librarians, sponsored jointly by W.V.E.A. and W.V.L.A., will be held at Cedar Lakes Conference Center, Ripley on April 7 and 8. The purposes are to acquaint the members of the group with one another and with the Standards for School Library Programs and to explore together the techniques for implementing these standards.

The featured speaker and resource person will be Miss Helen Robinson, formerly librarian at W.V.U. High School and now Assistant Professor of Library Science at Ball State Teachers' College, Muncie, Indiana. Miss Robinson is a Field Consultant with the Division of School Libraries of the Indiana State Department of Public Instruction and a member of the Committee of 25, a select group of librarians from various parts of Indiana, actively involved in the implementation program. Miss Robinson is a particularly important attraction for the Workshop, inasmuch as her knowledge of the standards is enhanced by a familiarity with West Virginia's own problems.

The first meal served to the registrants will be dinner at 5:30 Friday evening, April 7. This will be followed by a mixer, a get-acquainted social function with more serious overtones in the introduction of the representatives of W.V.E.A., W.V.L.A., and A.L.A. Saturday morning Miss Robinson will speak on the standards and ways of implementing them locally. The session will then break up into smaller groups to plan practical ways of acting on Miss Robinson's suggestions. The final

meeting after luch should conclude by 2:30 or 3:00.

The registration fee is $5.00, which covers all expenses. A slight reduction will be made for those who cannot arrive in time for dinner on Friday. All reservations must reach OLIVE LEWIS, PARKERSBURG HIGH SCHOOL by March 29 at the latest. Further details may be secured from that source. Since the available facilities are limited, it is advisable to write as soon as possible for reservations.

This is the time to take advantage of the nation-wide movement resulting from the publication of the Standards. It is hoped there will be a large attendance to profit from Miss Robinson's valuable experience. The invitation is extended not only to school librarians but also to anyone interested in the welfare of school libraries.

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Follansbee, West Virginia
March 7, 1961

To All Members of Library Boards of Trustees
Throughout West Virginia

Ladies and Gentlemen:

West Virginia now has a State Library Trustees Association. To make the association workable, and of real service to the several libraries which they serve, all trustees should be members. Only in unity is there strength and this unity can be achieved only through every trustee becoming a member of their State Association. Will you please become a member of your association by forwarding dues of $1.00 (one dollar) to Mrs. Mary Edna Murtha, Treasurer, 111 Robinson Street, Paden City, West Virginia.

Arrangements should be made NOW to attend the State Library and Trustees Association Meeting in Charleston on Monday and Tuesday April 24th and 25th., in the Daniel Boone Hotel.

I am enclosing herewith copies of the State Library Trustees Association Constitution and Laws. Please read carefully and be ready to make any comments you see fit when we convene on the above dates.

Our present officers are:

C. P. Smith, President, Follansbee, West Virginia

Mr. Perry O'Brian, Vice President, Ripley, West Virginia

Mrs. Elmer Resseger, Secretary, Glen Dale, West Virginia

Mrs. Mary Edna Murtha, Treasurer, Paden City, West Virginia

Looking forward to seeing you in Charleston on April 24th and 25th. I am,

Very truly yours,

/s/ C. P. Smith

Curtis P. Smith, President

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS OF THE WEST VIRGINIA LIBRARY TRUSTEES ASSOCIATION

Adopted October 22, 1960

ARTICLE I

Name

Section 1. This association shall be known as the West Virginia Library Trustees Association. A division of the West Virginia Library Association.

ARTICLE II

Object

Section 1. The object shall be to promote the welfare of the libraries in W. Va., in particular and library work in general. To further promote and foster the development of libraries and library service; to provide for the exchange of ideas and experiences among library trustees through conferences and publication and by such other means as may from time to time be determined.

ARTICLE III

Membership

Section 1. Any member of public library board, any member of a committee controlling a public library, any former member of a public library board or committee controlling a public library not a library employee may become a member of this Association.

Section 2. The annual membership dues shall be $1.00 for each member payable on or before the first day of April of each year.

Section 3. Every member of the Association in good standing and actually present at a meeting shall be entitled to one vote on any question before the Association.

ARTICLE IV

Officers

Section 1. The officers of this Association shall be a President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer, to be elected at each annual meeting. No officer shall serve more than two consecutive terms, provided, that the time limit shall not apply to the offices of Secretary and Treasurer. Three members of the Association shall also be elected to serve on the Executive Committee of Board of said Association, as hereinafter defined and

shall also be elected at each annual meeting.

Section 2. The duties of the officers shall be as follows: President: the President shall preside at all meetings of the Association: shall have general supervision of the activities of the Association; shall be chairman of the Executive Committee or Board and shall be ex-officio a member of all Committees. Vice-President: the Vice-President shall in the absence or incapacity of the President, perform the duties of the President. Secretary: the Secretary shall conduct the correspondence of the Association and keep and maintain all written records of the Association and with the assistance of the Treasurer shall maintain a membership roll and perform any other such duties as may be delegated to the office by the officers or the Committees of the Association and, in general perform the duties of a Secretary. Treasurer: the Treasurer shall, not later than December 1st of each year, mail to each individual member a statement of the annual dues, and such dues shall be paid between April 1 and the opening session of the next annual meeting of the Association; shall also be responsible for all funds of the Association. The Treasurer shall render an annual report to the Association at its annual meeting and said report shall be filed and preserved with the records of the Association.

Section 3. The Executive Committee or Board may appoint or employ an Executive Secretary and define the duties of such office if and when such an Executive Secretary becomes necessary.

ARTICLE V

Committees

Section 1. The Executive Committee or Board shall consist of the President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer. The Executive Committee shall meet at the call of the President and at least one month before the annual meeting and shall assist the President in conducting the business of the Association between the meetings of the membership.

Section 2. The President of the Association may invite a Representative of the State Library Commission to attend the meetings of the Executive Committee or Board and the Nominating Committee to act in an advisory capacity.

Section 3. The President with the consent of the Executive Committee or Board may from time to time appoint any Committee necessary, and the President shall be an ex-officio member of every such appointed committee.

ARTICLE VI

Meetings

Section 1. The annual meeting of this Association shall be held at the time when, and the place where, the annual meeting of

the West Virginia Library Association is held.

Section 2. Special Meetings of the members may be held at any time by special call of the President with the consent and advice of the Executive Committee or Board.

ARTICLE VII

Elections

Section 1. The President shall appoint a Nominating Committee of three members. Said Nominating Committee shall have secured the consent of the nominees in advance and shall report its nominations at the annual meeting. The nominees of the Nominating Committee when elected as officers of the Association shall commence their term of office at the adjournment of the annual meeting at which they were elected.

ARTICLE VIII

Quorum

Section 1. Six members shall constitute a quorum for the conducting of the business of the Association.

Section 2. Three members shall constitute a quorum for conducting of the business of the Executive committee.

ARTICLE IX

Amendments

Section 1. This Constitution and By-Laws may be altered, amended or repealed at any annual meeting of the Association by majority vote of the members present at such meeting.

NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK IN WEST VIRGINIA

The fourth annual observance of National Library Week will be held April 16th to 22nd. Over fifty magazines with a total circulation of 109,774,581 will publish special articles or display material on the subject. Radio and television stations will feature famous personalities in spot announcements or special programs on libraries and reading. Libraries will have special displays and programs.

In West Virginia the following committee of twelve people will act in an advisory capacity to local librarians who will plan their own individual observances.

> Mrs. John T. Keenan, chairman, St. Albans, W. Va.
> Miss Jane Brugger, executive director, Kanawha County Public Library, Charleston, W. Va.
> Mr. Robert R. McClarren; Miss Clarice Bailes; Mrs. E. C. Ferrell, Jr.; Mrs. John A. Jones; Mrs. Samuel Pancake; Mr. Charles Patterson; Mrs. O. L. Robinson; Miss Mary Shirey; Mrs. Evelyn Simon; Mrs. Miles C. Stanley; Mr. Earl N. Straight.

The chairman and executive director will be more than glad to furnish material, if requested. The executive director asks that a copy of any publicity or activity used during the week be sent to her.

The National headquarters suggest that a local committee be formed by the librarians to help in the observance. It is hoped that all libraries in the state will, not only during this one week in April, but all during the year publicize in their communities the value of the library to the community and the great measure of satisfaction that can come to an individual by

books and reading. This is the great need in West Virginia today, to make her citizens aware of the need for books and reading.

Jane Brugger
Kanawha County Public Library